

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Assistance to Firefighters Program - Grant Application

**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services

**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero

**EXT:** 7125

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting approximately \$64,708.00 through their Assistance to Firefighters Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents as may be necessary for the application.

County-wide

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**BACKGROUND:**

The US Department of Homeland Security is offering the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to provide financial assistance to fire departments to enhance their capacities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Their primary goal is to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs, so they are equip to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel.

Staff is interested in applying for the grant to purchase live fire propane simulator training props for use at the Fire Training Center. Also included in the proposed project is the assembly a shelter type structure also for use at the Training Center. Please see the attached abstract for additional information related to the project.

Due May 20, 2009, the proposed grant application would request \$64,708. The match requirement of 20% (equal to \$16,177) would be accommodated by the Fire Fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting approximately \$64,708.00 through their Assistance to Firefighters Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supporting documents as may be necessary for the application.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Abstract

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT  
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

DATE DUE: May 20, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: Fire Training Center Equipment

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Fire Chief Leanna Raw

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Chief Todd Gaddy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: If funded, the grant would be used to purchase portable live fire propane simulator training props. These props would allow firefighters to train in handling Class B and C (gas and electrical) emergencies, both in residential and commercial environments. They would also allow firefighters to train on vehicle emergencies during live fire conditions. The grant request would also include funding to assemble a shelter type structure that would be used for firefighters in the aid of their recovery and rehab during post training events. Furthermore, the shelter would be used as a staging area for pre- and post-briefings.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$64,708

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$16,177

SOURCES OF MATCH: Fire Fund

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$80,885

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒ COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT